

conversion region 332, and thus, red light is selectively transmitted therethrough. In the green pixel G, the green color filter 350G is disposed on the second photoelectric conversion region 332, and thus, green light is selectively transmitted therethrough. In the blue pixel B, the blue color filter 350B is disposed on the second photoelectric conversion region 332, and thus, blue light is selectively transmitted therethrough.

[0067] The micro-lens layer 370 includes a plurality of micro-lenses 372. The micro-lenses 372 are respectively disposed on each of the color filters 350R, 350G, and 350B to focus incident light and to send it to corresponding color filters 350R, 350G, and 350B.

[0068] The stacked image sensor 300 may include first barriers 381 that divide the pixels R, G, and B from each other. The first barriers 381 passes through the first photoelectric conversion layer 310 and the second photoelectric conversion layer 330. The first barriers 381 may have the same structure as the first barriers 181 of FIG. 3, and the description thereof will be omitted.

[0069] In the first photoelectric conversion layer 310, a second barrier 382 that separates the two third photoelectric conversion regions 314 may be disposed in the region of green pixel G. The second barrier 382 may have the same structures as the first barrier 381, and the detailed description thereof will be omitted.

[0070] The first barriers 381 and the second barrier 382 prevent incident light entering corresponding pixels from entering pixels of other adjacent regions that causes a noise.

[0071] The stacked image sensor 300 according to the exemplary embodiment may further include a signal processor that outputs an electrical signal in response to charges received from the photoelectric conversion regions. The signal processor may include three to four transistors per pixel. The signal processor may be disposed under the first photoelectric conversion layer 310.

[0072] When visible light enters the stacked image sensor 300 from an image measuring object, red light of visible light passes through the red color filter 350R and generates charges in the second photoelectric conversion region 332. The signal processor outputs an intensity signal of the red light based on the generated charges. Green light and blue light of the visible light enter the corresponding second photoelectric conversion regions 132 respectively through the green color filter 350G and the blue color filter 350B and generate charges, and intensity signals of the green light and the blue light are output by the signal processor based on the generated charges.

[0073] Light that passes through the second photoelectric conversion region 332 of the green pixel G is detected by the two third photoelectric conversion regions 314. Phase detection auto-focusing may be performed using images of the two third photoelectric conversion regions 314. An image is photographed by fixing a focus lens at the auto-focusing location.

[0074] After performing the phase detection auto-focusing, a location of a focusing lens may be determined by performing contrast detection auto-focusing with respect to contrast differences of images from the second photoelectric conversion region 332.

[0075] When an image is photographed under high illumination conditions, an amount of light entering the focusing lens is increased. Accordingly, image photographing may be difficult since the light that entered the second

photoelectric conversion region 332 is saturated. In this case, a relatively small amount of light enters into third photoelectric conversion regions 314, and thus, the fourth photoelectric conversion regions 316 may be used for image photographing.

[0076] The stacked image sensor 300 according to the exemplary embodiment uses only the green pixel region for auto-focusing. Therefore, a structure of wiring connected to the fourth photoelectric conversion regions 316 in the red pixel region and the blue pixel region may be reduced when compared with the stacked image sensor 100.

[0077] In the stacked image sensor 300 according to the exemplary embodiment, the photoelectric conversion region for auto-focusing is formed in the green pixel region, but the exemplary embodiment is not limited thereto. For example, the two third photoelectric conversion regions may be formed in one region or two regions selected from the four pixel regions of the pixel unit instead of two green pixel regions.

[0078] Also, the fourth photoelectric conversion regions may not be formed in the first photoelectric conversion layer where there is no photoelectric conversion region for auto-focusing. In this case, the wiring structure may further be simplified.

[0079] FIG. 7 is a schematic cross-sectional view of a structure of a unit pixel of a stacked image sensor 400 according to another exemplary embodiment. FIG. 7 may be a cross-sectional view taken along a line II-II' of FIG. 1. Like reference numerals are used for elements that are substantially identical to the constituent elements described above, and the descriptions thereof will not be repeated.

[0080] Referring to FIG. 7, the stacked image sensor 400 may include a plurality of pixel units arranged in an array. Each pixel unit may include two green pixels G, a red pixel R, and a blue pixel B.

[0081] Each pixel unit may include a first photoelectric conversion layer 410, and a second photoelectric conversion layer 430, a color filter layer 150, and a micro-lens layer 170 that are sequentially stacked on the first photoelectric conversion layer 410.

[0082] The first photoelectric conversion layer 410 and the second photoelectric conversion layer 430 may be regions disposed on a silicon layer 440. The first photoelectric conversion layer 410 may include first photoelectric conversion regions 412 disposed in each pixel. The first photoelectric conversion region 412 may include a plurality of third photoelectric conversion regions 414. In FIG. 7, two third photoelectric conversion regions 414 are depicted in a pixel region.

[0083] The second photoelectric conversion layer 430 may include a plurality of second photoelectric conversion regions 432. Each second photoelectric conversion region 432 may include a plurality of fourth photoelectric conversion regions 434. In FIG. 7, two fourth photoelectric conversion regions 434 are depicted in a pixel region. The two third photoelectric conversion regions 414 and the two fourth photoelectric conversion regions 434 in the pixel may be doped regions. For example, the silicon layer 440 may be a region doped with a first type impurity, and the third photoelectric conversion regions 414 and the fourth photoelectric conversion regions 434 may be regions doped with a second impurity.

[0084] The fourth photoelectric conversion regions 434 may be general image detection regions. The fourth photo-